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**To:** Prevention Partnership Providers  
Local Public Health Units

**From:** Heather Weaver, Immunization Program Manager

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**Re:** Resume Four-Dose Schedule for Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine

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**Effective immediately**, the North Dakota Immunization Program, along with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, American Academy of Pediatrics, American Academy of Family Physicians, and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommends that providers resume administration of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV-7) according to routine schedule. Production capacity has been increased, and supply is now sufficient to meet the national demand for vaccine on the routine, 4-dose schedule.

For complete MMWR announcement, please visit the following website:  
<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5336a8.htm>.

A PCV-7 catch-up schedule is enclosed. The highest priorities for catch-up vaccination are:

- Children younger than 5 years of age at high risk for invasive pneumococcal disease
- Healthy children younger than 24 months of age who have not received any doses of PCV-7
- Healthy children younger than 12 months who have not yet received 3 doses of PCV-7

Please contact the North Dakota Department of Health Immunization Program at 701-328-3386 or toll-free at 800-472-2180 with any questions or concerns regarding this issue.

Enclosure.